

At daylight the band withdrew among
the trees,
near the store, as if they meant to wait
until the
next night to renew the attack*

Unfortunately the defenders had
almost exhausted their cartridges. When they
were reduced
to the two guns, which could only be
directed,
towards the base of the knoll, how could
they cover
the summit ?

A council was held to consider the
situation.

If they could not carry on the
resistance under
these conditions, would it not be possible
to leave
Shark's Island, land on Falconhurst
beach, and seek
refuge within the Promised Land or in
some other
part of the island—all of them together,
this time ?

Or would it be better to make a rush on
the savages
and, with the advantage of carbines
over bows
and arrows, compel them to take to the
sea again ?

But M. Zermatt and his party were
only nine
against the scores who surrounded the
knoll

Just at this moment, as if in answer to
this last
suggestion, the air was filled with the
whistling
of arrows, some of which stuck in the
roof of the
hangar, fortunately without wounding
any one.

"The attack is beginning again!" said

Jofea

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« Let's get ready for them! "Fritz
reph& ^ ? -

This assault was the fiercest of all,
for ilfe
were furious, and seemed no
longer. • '

" the bullets and grape-shot.
Moreover